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BRAZIL – F-16 Aircraft

On 18 April, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Brazil of F-16 aircraft and associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$909 Million.

The Government of Brazil (GOB) has requested a possible sale of 12 F-16C/D Block 50+ aircraft with either the F100-PW-229 or F110-GE-129 engine and APG-68(V)9 FMS radars, two spare F100-PW-229 or two spare F110-GE-129 engines, 14 LANTIRN Targeting Pods (FMS variant), 14 LANTIRN Navigation Pods with Terrain Following Radar (TFR), 48 AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM) and four AMRAAM training missiles, 12 M61 Vulcan cannon, 48 LAU-129 launchers, eight AN/ALQ-131 Countermeasures, LANTIRN Night Vision Goggle compatible cockpits, the capability to employ a wide variety of munitions, support equipment, software development/integration, modification kits, spares and repair parts, flight test instrumentation, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related requirements to ensure full program supportability. The estimated cost is \$909 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Latin America.

The proposed sale of these F-16 aircraft will allow the Brazilian Air Force to maintain a strong defense while it continues its plans to modernize its shrinking inventory of aging aircraft. Operation of the F-16 will ensure a dramatic increase in exchange and interoperability opportunities between the Brazilian and US Air Forces. The GOB does not have the F-16 aircraft system capability currently in its inventory.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Lockheed Martin Tactical Aircraft Systems of Fort Worth, Texas. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of approximately five U.S. Government representatives to Brazil for approximately two years to assist in the delivery, acceptance, and deployment of the aircraft. There will be five U.S. Government and three contractor representatives for one-week intervals, twice annually, to participate in program management and technical reviews.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.